

B-3018 - B-3021

1845-1850

723-731 S. Charles St./727-729 Rickett's Ct. (East side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

This group of three story, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs located along the east side of the 700 block of S. Charles St. was built in the late 1840's by several different local builders. The houses served as combination storefront/residences. 727-729 Rickett's Ct. is located in a courtyard to the east of 731 S. Charles St., with access provided by a narrow alleyway running along the south end wall of 731 S. Charles St. The Rickett's Ct. houses are two stories in height, two bays wide, and with gable roofs. The houses were originally two rooms deep but the entire rear end section of each house is now gone. These small alley houses are the only surviving examples of the many such houses that were built in rear courtyards and alleys running north from Montgomery St. in this block and in the blocks to the north along Hughes St. The two Rickett's Ct. houses have recently been sold by the city to private owners and hopefully will soon be renovated.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

723-725 S. Charles St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
___ STRUCTURE
___ SITE
___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
___ PRIVATE
___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS
___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

___ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
___ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
___ YES: RESTRICTED
___ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE ___ MUSEUM
___ COMMERCIAL ___ PARK
___ EDUCATIONAL ___ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
___ ENTERTAINMENT ___ RELIGIOUS
___ GOVERNMENT ___ SCIENTIFIC
___ INDUSTRIAL ___ TRANSPORTATION
___ MILITARY ☒ OTHER restoration contemplated

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mayor and City Council

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

___ VICINITY OF

Maryland STATE, zip code 21202

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

Maryland STATE 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☒ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of two story plus attic brick houses with gable roof was built in the late 1840's as part of the development of this side of Charles St. The facades of the houses, as well as their interiors, have been severely altered to serve as warehouse space, with all of the original door and window openings either filled in with new brickwork or remodeled.

The houses are two and a half stories in height, about 14' wide, and occupy lots 80' deep. Each house is two rooms deep and probably originally had a two story high, two bay deep rear addition. Now, however, each house joins a much later, three story high warehouse at its rear which extends back to the end of the lot. There are no extant roof chimneys. The houses are constructed in running bond. The low-pitched gable roof has a simple two-tier brick cornice.

Although all of the openings have been altered in some way, it is apparent that the door and first and second floor window openings had segmentally arched brick lintels and that the attic story windows had no lintels. The sills were probably wood. Some later 2/2 sash remain in the second story windows but these were not original to the house. The original doorways have been filled in with new brickwork or boarded over.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1844-1845

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Nicholas Richers

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This pair of houses, although sadly deteriorated and altered with modern window and door openings, is representative of a large group of gable roofed houses built in the 1840's and 1850's to serve as combination residential/commercial structures. In this particular case the builder lived in one of the houses and operated a grocery and feed store in the corner house.¹ Nicholas Richers and his family continued to operate a feed store at this location through the 1880's.² It is quite interesting to note that a local store would be geared to supply the needs of the many carters and draymen in the area who had to buy feed for their horses. Stables on Churchill St. were only a block to the south.

The houses are soon to be sold by the City to a private owner who will hopefully renovate them.

¹Baltimore City Directory, 1845

²Ibid., 1888

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

6/79

STREET & NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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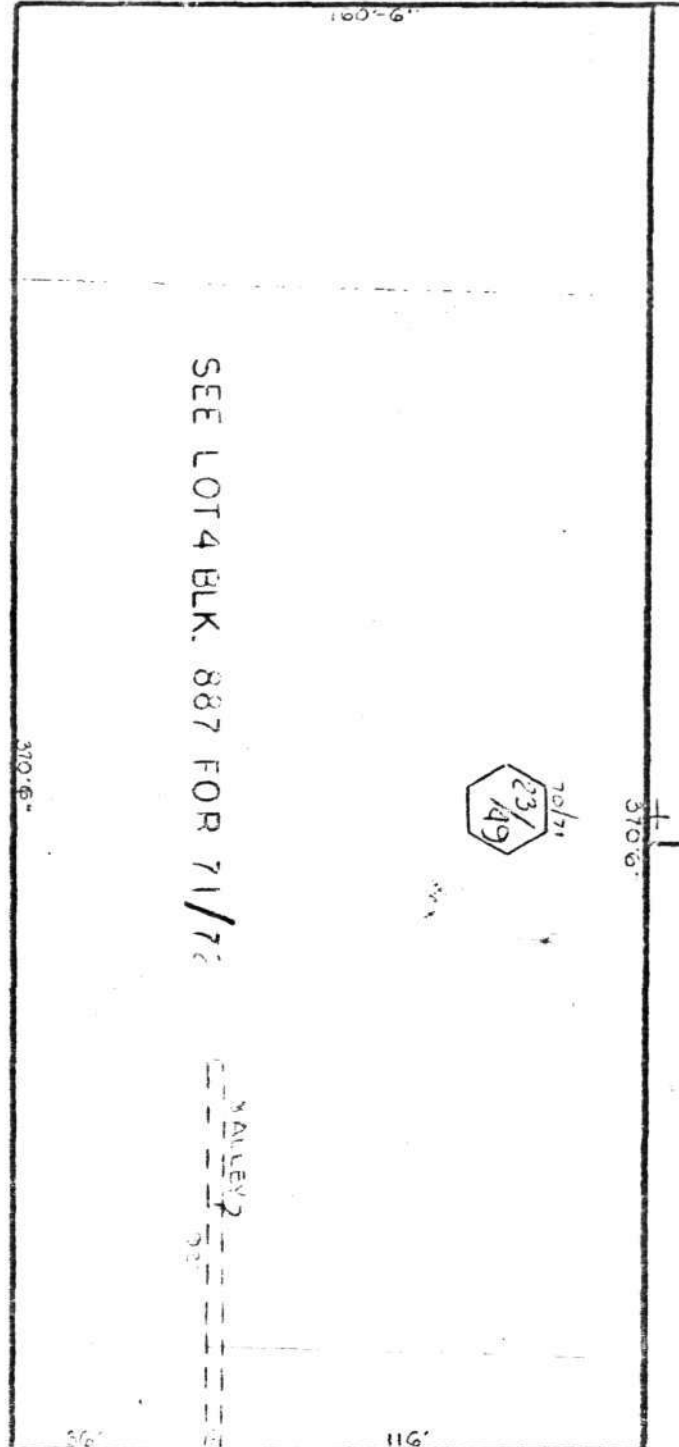
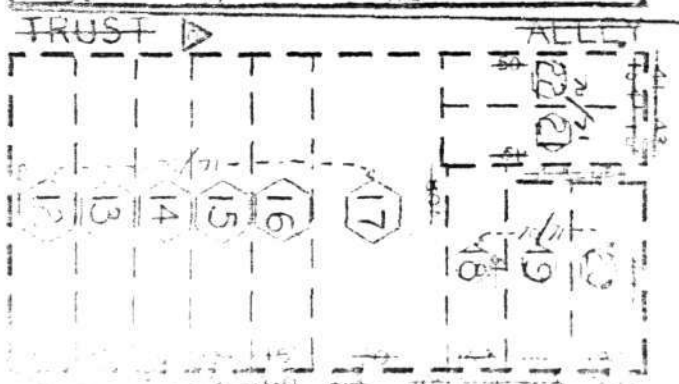
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23/49

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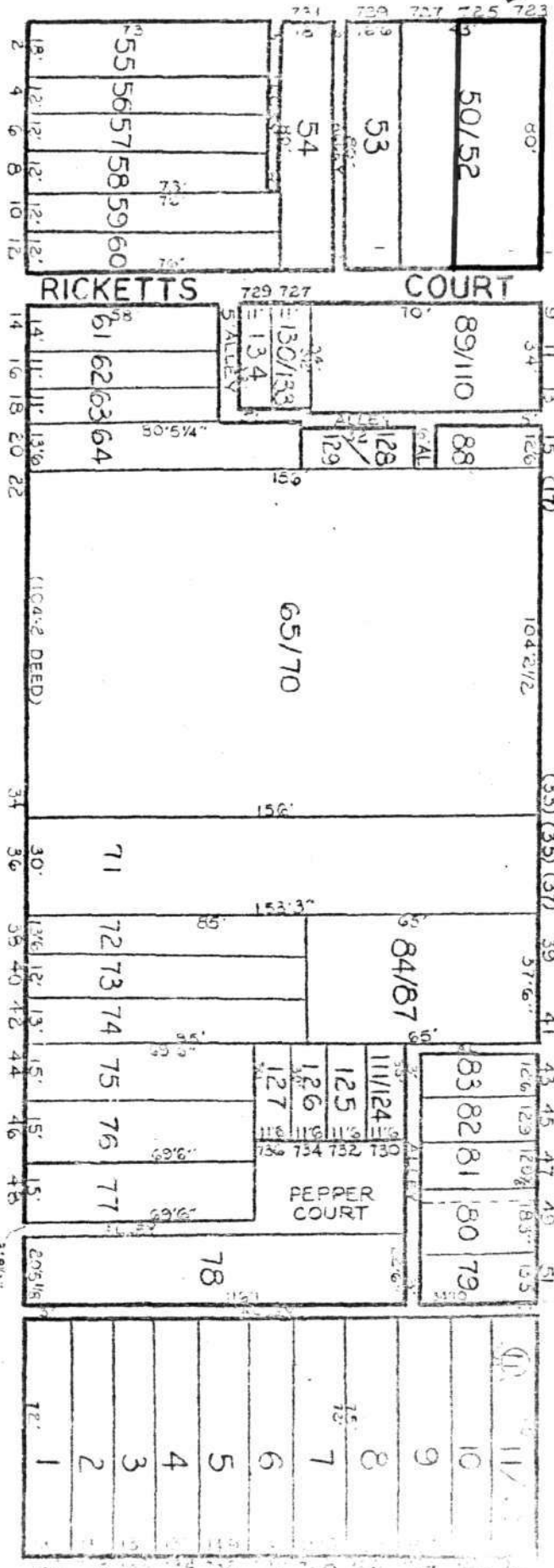
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ALLEY



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E. HUGHES



S. CHARLES

E. MONTGOMERY

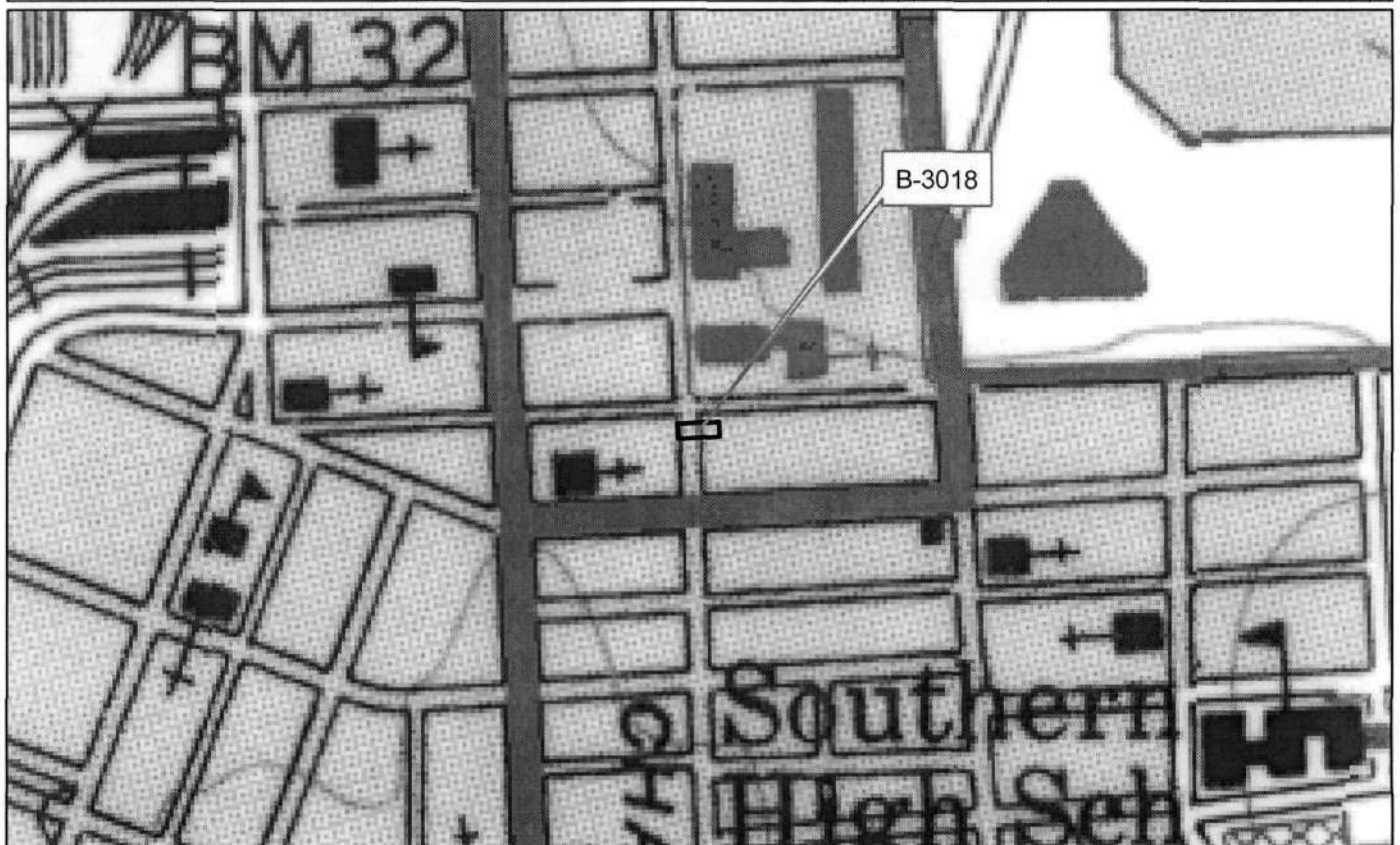
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Block N/A Lots N/A
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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723-725 S. Charles St.

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North and west elevations